

## Message Text

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ACTION SCS-05

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P 180630Z JUL 77  
FM USINT BAGHDAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4778

UNCLAS BAGHDAD 1188

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: CGEN  
SUBJ: SEALS USED IN CONDUCTING CONSULAR BUSINESS

REF STATE 165508

1. (A) THE IMPRESSION SEAL IS A ROUND, TABLE MODEL WITH DIES  
AND THE LEGEND: "EMBASSY OF BELGIUM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
INTERESTS SECTION, BAGHDAD", ENCIRCLING THE GREAT SEAL OF THE  
USA.

(B) THE RUBBER SEAL IS ROUND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF USA IS  
ENCIRCLED WITH THE LEGEND: "EMBASSY OF BELGIUM, UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA INTERESTS SECTION, BAGHDAD".

(C) THE WORDING ON NONIMMIGRAT VISA PLATE IS "EMBASSY OF  
BELGIUM - UNITED STATE OF AMERICA INTERESTS SECTION,  
BAGHDAD". GREAT SEAL OF THE USA ALSO APPEARS ON THE PLATE.  
AS THERE IS NO CONSULAR TREATY BETWEEN USG AND GOI, THE  
WORDING "CONSULAR OFFICER" NORMALLY APPEARING ON THE LAST  
LINE OF THE VISA PLATE HAS BEEN REMOVED AND REPLACED BY  
A RUBBER STAMP BEARING THE NAME AND DIPLOMATIC TITLE OF  
ISSUING OFFIER.

(D) VENUE STAMPS: "REPUBLIC OF IRAQ, CITY OF  
BAGHDAD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERESTS SECTION,  
EMBASSY OF BELGIUM". WE HAVE NO SIGNATURE STAMPS.

(E) IN NOTARIZING A DOCUMENT, THE OFFICER USES HIS  
DIPLOMATIC TITLE.

(F) PAPER WITH THE LETTERHEAD "U.S. INTERESTS  
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SECTION, EMBASSY OF BELGIUM, P.O. BOX 2447 ALWIYA,  
BAGHDAD, IRAQ", IS USED WHEN CORRESPONDING WITH THE  
IRAQI PUBLIC.

2. THE WORDING OF THE COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING  
ON DIPLOMATIC NOTES: "THE BELGIAN EMBASSY, IN CHARGE OF  
THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA IN IRAQ, PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ AND HAS THE  
HONOR TO..... THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF  
OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THE ASSURANCES OF ITS  
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM". NOTES ARE  
TYPED ON EMBASSY OF BELGIUM STATIONERY. DIPLOMATIC  
NOTES ARE INITIALED BY THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER, OR IN  
THE CASE OF VERY ROUTINE NOTES BY SECTION CHIEFS.  
INITIALS ARE INSCRIBED OVER STAMP FROM RUBBER  
SEAL. WE DO NOT USE SIGNATURE LINES.

3. NEITHER THE U.S. FLAG NOR EMBLEM IS DISPLAYED,  
EXCEPT FOR FLAG IN PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S OFFICE.

4. ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS FOLLOW BY POUCH.  
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